

# REMEMBERING GEORGE M. LEADER

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, as this year ends, I wish to remember and honor George M. Leader, a former Governor of Pennsylvania, who passed away on May 9, 2013. Throughout his life, Governor Leader worked to give voice to the voiceless and protect some of the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians.

Governor Leader was raised on his parents' poultry farm and educated in a one room schoolhouse before going on to study philosophy, economics and political science at Gettysburg College. He served in the Navy during World War II and returned to open a chicken hatchery in York County, PA. He got his start in politics serving on the York County Democratic Committee then winning a seat vacated by his father to the State Senate. In 1954, he decided to run for Governor and won that election becoming, at age 37, the second youngest Governor in Pennsylvania.

While in office, Governor Leader enacted the Industrial Development Authority in 1956 which provided State financing in order to attract new and diverse industries. The program attracted 71 new businesses and created 12,000 new jobs within the first 30 months. Governor Leader also championed civil rights in all forms. He created the Fair Employment Practices Council to police employment discrimination, and fought for William and Daisy Meyers' family when they were threatened for moving into a white neighborhood. He required Pennsylvania schools to educate children with disabilities, which raised the enrollment by 250,000. He created the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Vocational Rehabilitation Center, which was the first facility in the country that provided rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities. He also established the State Office of Aging and began the inspection of nursing homes.

Governor Leader left office in 1959, but that did not end his service to the people of Pennsylvania. He established Leader Health Care Organization and later Country Meadows and Providence Place Retirement Communities to provide high quality retirement services for our older citizens.

Hubert Humphrey once said that the moral test of government is how it treats those in the dawn of life, those in the twilight of life and those in the shadows of life. Governor Leader not only passed this test, he set a standard for other elected officials to follow. My thoughts are with the Leader family during this holiday season and we thank George Leader for his life of service to our Commonwealth and our country.●

## MARIAN UNIVERSITY CYCLING TEAM

• Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to applaud the Marian

University Knights on earning USA Cycling's No. 1 collegiate cycling team ranking for the 2012-2013 season, as well as winning the USA Cycling Collegiate Division I Track, Cyclo-cross, BMX, and road national championships during the 2012-2013 season.

Marian University established its cycling program in 1992. The program is committed to competing at the highest level and developing strong character in each team member through academic and athletic excellence. Since the inception of its competitive cycling program, the Marian University Knights have won 23 national championship titles in road, cyclo-cross, BMX, and track cycling.

Head coach Dean Peterson and his staff work tirelessly to promote the university's goals by bringing team-focused concepts to a sport that traditionally emphasizes the individual. The "Knights on Bikes" team includes both male and female student-athletes who travel together as a team during each season and to every national championship. In addition, Marian University has an indoor cycling center where even the coldest Midwest winter cannot prevent them from regularly training together.

The Marian University cycling team works to give back to the local and national cycling community as well as the Indianapolis area. Student-cyclists are required to contribute 10 hours each semester to community service. They work with the community in a variety of ways, including hosting informal riding clinics, cycling for charity, and participating in campus volunteer opportunities.

Congratulations to head coach Dean Peterson, assistant coach Nate Keck, athletic director Steve Downing, and all the student-cyclists on winning the USA Cycling Collegiate Division I road, track, and cyclo-cross national championships in 2012, and winning the road, track and cyclo-cross national championships again and for the first time the BMX national championship in 2013. In addition, congratulations to University president Daniel J. Elsener, executive vice president and provost Thomas J. Enneking, the Marian University student body, alumni, and friends. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate the Marian University Knights on the triumph of their competitive cycling program, and I wish them continued success in the future.●

## MARIAN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

• Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to congratulate the Marian University Knights on winning the 57th Annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA, Football National Championship in 2012.

Marian University established its football program in 2006 and has since committed itself to competing at the highest level both academically and

athletically. In 2011, the Marian Knights played well enough to be one of the final four teams in the NAIA championship tournament. In 2012, the Knights made it to the championship game, where they won 30-27 victory in overtime.

Congratulations to former head coach Ted Karras, Jr. and his entire coaching staff, athletic director Steve Downing, and all of the student athletes on winning the 57th annual NAIA Football National Championship on December 13, 2012. In addition, congratulations to university president Daniel J. Elsener, executive vice president and provost Thomas J. Enneking, the Marian University student body, alumni and friends.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I sincerely congratulate the Marian University Knights on their successful football program, and I wish them continued success in the future under the new leadership of head football coach Mark Henninger.●

## REMEMBERING CHARLIE ROOS

• Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to remember an extraordinary journalist and Coloradan, Charlie Roos. Charlie was a journalist and editorialist for some 60 years at the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. He was a man of exceptional character, strong opinions and great wit—in short, he was a true Westerner. His writing was fair and objective, and he sought to hold all public officials accountable, no matter their political affiliations. This made his politics difficult to pigeonhole; he favored good governance and public service over partisanship.

Charlie grew up in Hiawatha, KS, and served our country during World War II. Following the war he went to Kansas University and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. In 1946, his beloved wife Liza and daughter Mary moved with him to Denver where Charlie began his journalism career with the Denver Post. After many years covering State and national politics for the Post, he moved to the Rocky Mountain News where he remained until its closing in 2009. At the Rocky, Charlie served multiple roles including as a Washington, D.C., correspondent, political editor and weekly columnist. He continued to write about local and national politics on a personal blog until his death on August 27 of this year.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Roos Catton; sons, Billy and Bob Roos; grandchildren, Jane Johnson, Megan Feltes, Jasmine Hartman and Charlie Roos; and great grandchildren, Jordan and Mason Johnson; Samantha, Kyle and Asher Hartman; and Joe and Naomi Roos.

Charlie was a loyal and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was also a dedicated journalist, with a passion for reporting and telling the truth to the people of